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SUBJ: SOMALI REACTION TO US STATEMENT ON SOVIET BASES, AND TO
US ARMS FOR ETHIOPIA

REF: A. MOGADISCIO 1381; B. MOGADISCIO 1373

1. TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, SINCE PUBLICITY GIVEN SEPTEMBER 7
TO GSDR INFORMATION MINISTRY STATEMENT QUOTED REF B, THERE HAS
BEEN NO MENTION IN SOMALI MEDIA OF US STATEMENTS REGARDING SOVIET
BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN, NOR ANY FURTHER REFERENCE TO DIEGO GARCIA.
LIKEWISE, SINCE SEPT 7, SUBJECT OF US ARMS FOR ETHIOPIA HAS NOT
BEEN MENTIONED.

2. WE HAVE HEARD OF NO RPT NO PUBLIC REFERENCE TO SEPT 7 PRO-
TEST NOTE ON ABOVE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED REF A.

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT SIAD CONTINUES ON TOUR OUTSIDE SOMALIA.
AS OF NOW, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT GSDR INTENDS
PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN EITHER ABOUT US ARMS TO ETHIOPIA, OR QUESTION
OF GREAT POWER BASES IN INDIAN OCEAN. IT CONTINUES TO APPEAR,
AS OF NOW, THAT GSDR IS NOT SEEKING MAJOR CONTROVERSY WITH US
ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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